



U.S. Department  
of Transportation  
**Pipeline and Hazardous  
Materials Safety  
Administration**

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Washington, DC 20590

June 23, 2020

Mr. Kevin Speicher  
Chief, Pipeline Safety and Reliability Section  
State of New York - Department of Public Service  
3 Empire State Plaza  
Albany, New York 12223

**Re: Docket No. PHMSA-2020-0075  
State of New York – Public Service Commission, Case 19-G-0771**

Dear Mr. Speicher:

On June 16, 2020, pursuant to 49 United States Code (USC) § 60118(d), the Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration (PHMSA) received a notification letter from the New York Public Service Commission (Commission), granting a waiver of 49 Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) § 192.943 to The Brooklyn Union Gas Company<sup>1</sup> (Company). This waiver will allow the Company to complete the next required seven-year integrity assessment by no later than June 30, 2021.

The Commission issued the waiver to the Company for a pipeline integrity assessment timing interval extension due to the unavailability of the type of inline inspection tools needed, to maintain gas supply, and to address workers' health concerns due to the COVID-19 pandemic. The waiver is for dual 24-inch diameter pipelines (Clove Lake Segment) that operate at a maximum allowable operating pressure of 350 pounds per square inch gauge and up to 20 percent of the pipe specified minimum yield strength. The Clove Lake Segment crosses the Narrows in New York Harbor near the Verrazano-Narrows Bridge in New York City.

Pursuant to 49 USC § 60118(d), PHMSA does not object to issuance of this waiver by the Commission for the Clove Lake Segment providing the Company complies with the conditions set forth in the waiver. I request that a copy of the Commission's final waiver to the Company be forwarded to PHMSA.

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<sup>1</sup> The Brooklyn Union Gas Company is owned and operated by National Grid of New York.

If you wish to discuss this or any other pipeline safety matter, my staff would be pleased to assist you. Please contact Senth White, Director of Engineering and Research Division, at 202-366-2415, for technical matters.

Sincerely,

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